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SUBJECT: ITU LF/MF BROADCASTING CONFERENCE; U.S.-FRG

POSITION ON 611 KHZ.

1. WE NOTE IN THE LIST OF REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LF/MF CONFERENCE THAT YUGOSLAVIA HAS SUBMITTED A FIVE STATION SYNCHRONIZED NETWORK ON 792 KHZ BUT WITH THE INDICATOR THAT AN ALTERNATIVE FREQUENCY WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. THIS IS MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN BECAUSE YUGOSLAVIA'S PROPOSED USE OF 792 KHZ WOULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INTERFERENCE THROUGHOUT YUGOSLAVIA AND ADJOINING BALKAN COUNTRIES TO RECEPTION OF TRANSMISSIONS FROM VOA AT KAVALA, GREECE ON 792 KHZ.

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2. YUGOSLAVIA'S INDICATION THAT A FREQUENCY OTHER

THAN 792 KHZ WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE MAY BE INTENDED AS A LEVER FOR PRYING LOOSE A CONCESSION IN EXCHANGE FOR PROTECTION OF VOA-KAVALA. GIVEN THEIR OUTSTANDING COMPLAINT OF INTERFERENCE TO RADIO SARAJEVO, WE SUSPECT THAT REMOVAL OF AFN FROM 611 KHZ IN THE FRG MAY WELL BE THE CONCESSION SOUGHT BY YUGOSLAVIA.

3. WE ARE PREPARED TO CONCEDE ON AFN USE OF 611 KHZ WITH FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:

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A. USE OF 611 KHZ TO CEASE AT APPROPRIATE TIME SUBSEQUENT TO LF/MF CONFERENCE IF REPLACEMENT FREQUENCY IS AVAILABLE AND IF IN FACT YUGOSLAVIA PROTECTS VOA-KAVALA ON 792 KHZ;

B. FRG WILL ENDEAVOR OBTAIN NEW MF ASSIGNMENT TO REPLACE 611 KHZ;

C. IF MF ASSIGNMENT NOT POSSIBLE, FRG WILL PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE VHF ASSIGNMENT.

4. WE WOULD LIKE TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS IN YUGOSLAVIA AT AN EARLY DATE IN HOPE OF FAVORABLE RESOLUTION OF THE 792 KHZ MATTER PRIOR TO THE LF/MF CONFERENCE. NEVERTHELESS, WE RECOGNIZE THAT FRG WILL BE NEGOTIATOR IN OUR BEHALF AT THE CONFERENCE AND MAY FOR TACTICAL REASONS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT FRG OVERALL INTEREST, HAVE OTHER SUGGESTIONS IN REGARD TO PROCEDURE AND TIMING OF OUR CONCESSION ON 611 KHZ.

5. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SOLICIT FRG VIEWS. ADVISE ASAP. KISSINGER

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